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## HOUSE PASSES KEY RENEWABLE ENERGY LEGISLATION

**Bill** Will Cut Giveaways to Big Oil, Reinvest in Homegrown, Renewable Biofuels

**January 18, 2007, Washington, D.C. —** The House of Representatives today passed a bill that would cut giveaways to big oil and reinvest in homegrown, renewable biofuels.

Herseth said, “This bill reprioritizes our national energy policy in a way that recognizes the need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and invest in clean, renewable energy sources.”

Specifically, the bill would ensure oil companies that were awarded the 1998 and 1999 federal oil leases that they would be required to pay for the land they were awarded.

Since joining the Congress, Herseth has been a dedicated advocate for renewable energy and has introduced legislation to promote clean energy research and development.

Herseth is a member of the Blue Dog Coalition, a group of moderate Democrats who support a balanced budget and fiscal responsibility.

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